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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Douglas James LITTLE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3693  
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Serial No.: 09/991,914 ) Examiner: Hai Tran  
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Filed: November 26, 2001 )  
) Confirmation No.: 7544  
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR )  
DEVELOPING INVESTMENTS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated April 3, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-27, 42-53, and 55-65, Group II, claims 28-41, 54 and 63, and Group III, claim 66. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-27, 42-53, and 55-65 drawn to a method and an apparatus for determining weightings of an investment portfolio selected from a range of domestic and international financial investments.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916. The cover page for the communication dated April 3<sup>rd</sup> indicated a shortened statutory period of 31 days to respond to the restriction. However, the Office Action Summary page provided three (3)

months to respond. Because of this error, Applicants submit that no extension and corresponding fee is required for this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 15, 2007

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